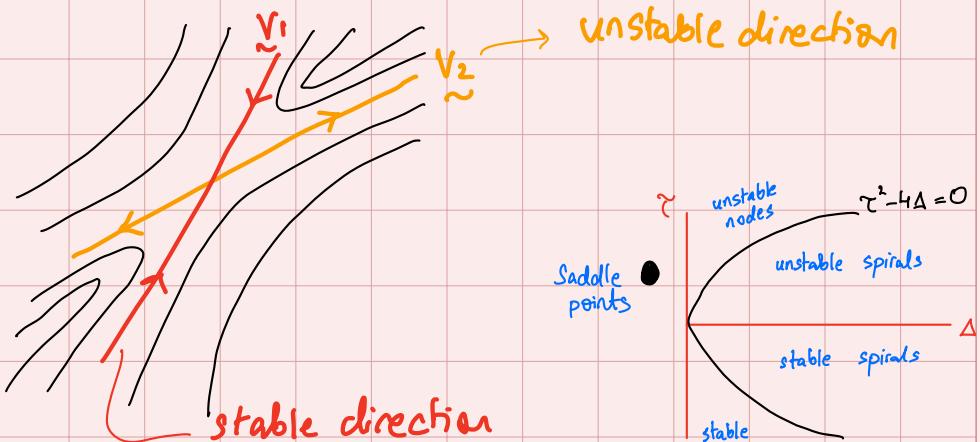


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## Fixed Point Types and eigenvalues / eigenvectors

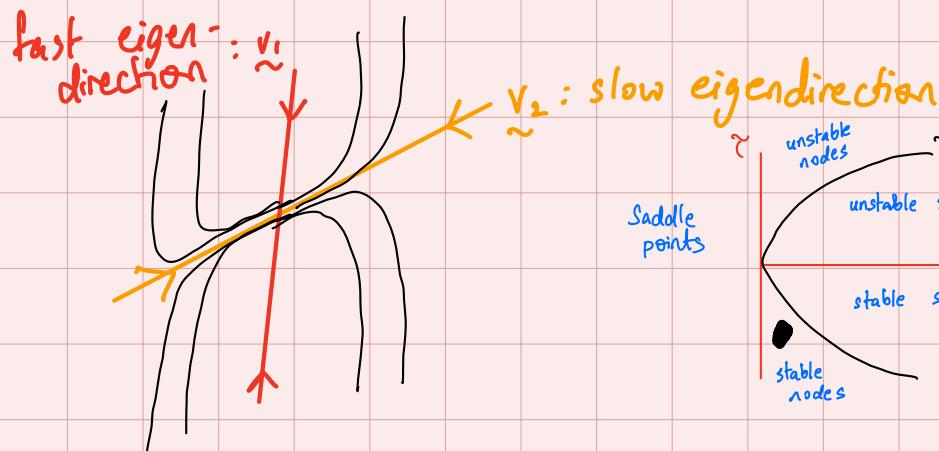
### ① Saddle Point

$$\underbrace{\lambda_1 < 0}_{V_1} < \Delta < \underbrace{\lambda_2}_{V_2}$$



### ② Nodes

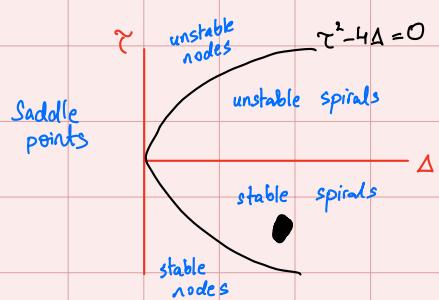
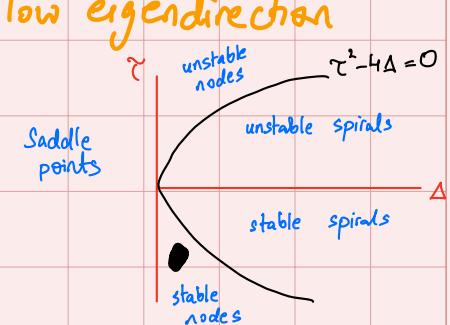
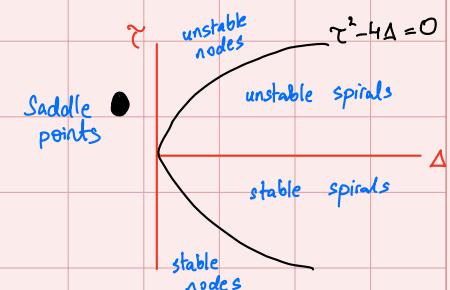
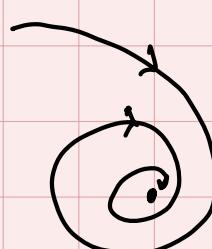
$$\underbrace{\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < 0}_{V_1 \quad V_2}$$



### ③ Spirals

$\text{Re}(\lambda)$  : exponential decay

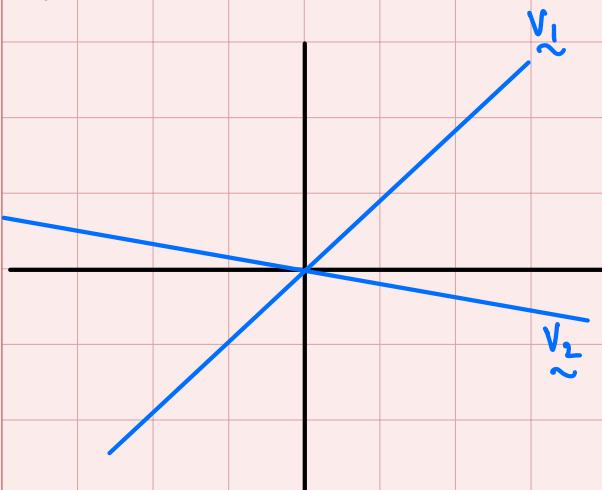
$\text{Im}(\lambda)$  : oscillation



## The phase plane

$$\dot{\underline{x}} = f(\underline{x})$$

Linear



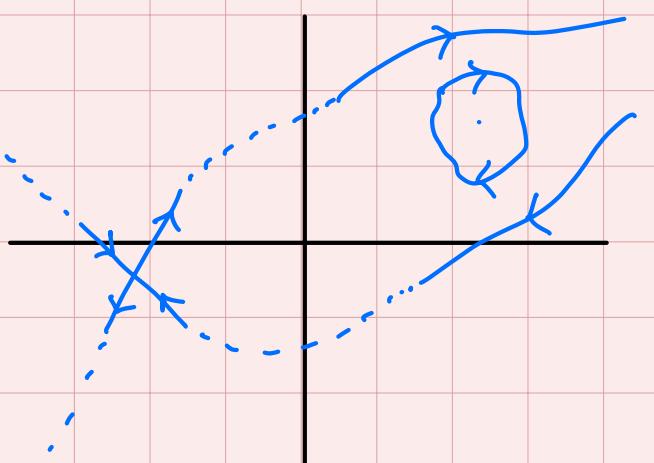
n eigenvectors paint a global picture of the phase plane.

(nonlinear  $n=2$ )

$$x_1 = f_1(x_1, x_2)$$

$$x_2 = f_2(x_1, x_2)$$

Nonlinear



n eigenvectors do not capture global picture.

Features of phase plane:

- fixed points equilibrium solutions  $f(\underline{x}^*) = \underline{0}$
- Closed orbits periodic solutions  $\underline{x}(t+T) = \underline{x}(t)$
- Behavior of solutions near fixed pts & closed orbits  
 aka trajectories in this context. Linearize!

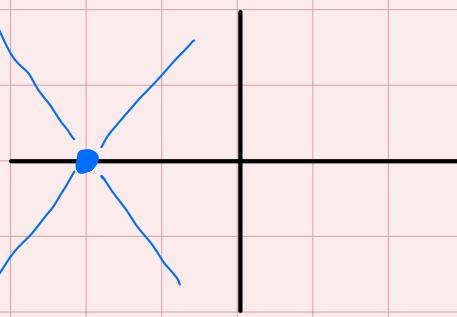
Consider  $\dot{x} = x + e^{-y}$

$$\dot{y} = -y$$

$$e^{-y} = 1 - y + \frac{y^2}{2!} - \frac{y^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$e^{-y} \approx 1 - y$$

- find fixed pt:  $0 = x + e^{-y}$   $\Rightarrow y=0, x=-1$   
 $0 = -y$   $(x^*, y^*) = (-1, 0)$



$\dot{x} \approx x + 1 - y$

$$\dot{y} = -y$$

NOT derivative

Define  $x+1 \rightarrow x'$

$$\dot{x}' = x' - y$$

$$\dot{y} = -y$$

$\tau = 0, \Delta = -1 \Rightarrow \text{saddle}$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f_1(x, y) \\ \dot{y} = f_2(x, y) \end{cases}$$

and  $f_1(x^*, y^*) = f_2(x^*, y^*) = 0$

Let  $u = x - x^*$   
 $v = y - y^*$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u} &= \dot{x} \\ &= f_1(x^* + u, y^* + v) \end{aligned}$$

$$= f_1(x^*, y^*) + u \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} \Big|_{\substack{x=x^* \\ y=y^*}} + v \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \Big|_{\substack{x=x^* \\ y=y^*}} + \text{higher order terms.}$$

by def.  
of fixed pt.

ignore

$$\Rightarrow \dot{u} = u \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} \Big|_{\substack{x=x^* \\ y=y^*}} + v \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \Big|_{\substack{x=x^* \\ y=y^*}}$$

by a similar argument,

$$\dot{v} = u \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} \Big|_{\substack{x=x^* \\ y=y^*}} + v \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} \Big|_{\substack{x=x^* \\ y=y^*}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{\substack{x=x^* \\ y=y^*}} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

For saddles, spirals & nodes

the system  $\begin{bmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$  is

Jacobian matrix for  
the system  $\dot{x} = f(x)$   
evaluated at  $\underline{x}^*$ .

a good representation of the nonlinear  
system  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  near  $(x^*, y^*)$

For other types of fixed points,  
the system  $\begin{bmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$  gives a  
questionable representation of the  
nonlinear system  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  near  $(x^*, y^*)$

